

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Sections 1601.1, 1616.5, and 1742 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1472, as introduced, Figueroa. Dentistry: Dental Board of California and Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California, and authorizes the board to appoint an executive officer. Existing law also establishes the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries within the jurisdiction of the board. The provisions establishing the board, authorizing the board to appoint an executive officer, and establishing the committee are inoperative as of July 1, 2008, and are repealed as of January 1, 2009.

This bill would instead make these provisions inoperative and would repeal them on unspecified dates.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 1601.1. (a) There shall be in the Department of Consumer
- 4 Affairs the Dental Board of California in which the
- 5 administration of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of
- 6 eight practicing dentists, one registered dental hygienist, one
- 7 registered dental assistant, and four public members. Of the eight
- 8 practicing dentists, one shall be a member of a faculty of any

1 California dental college and one shall be a dentist practicing in a
2 nonprofit community clinic. The appointing powers, described in
3 Section 1603, may appoint to the board a person who was a
4 member of the prior board. The board shall be organized into
5 standing committees dealing with examinations, enforcement,
6 and other subjects as the board deems appropriate.

7 (b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter
8 to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the
9 Dental Board of California.

10 (c) The board shall have all authority previously vested in the
11 existing board under this chapter. The board may enforce all
12 disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board.

13 (d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008
14 ____, and, as of January 1, 2009 ____, is repealed, unless a later
15 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2009 ____,
16 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
17 is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the board subject to
18 the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section
19 473).

20 SEC. 2. Section 1616.5 of the Business and Professions Code
21 is amended to read:

22 1616.5. (a) The board, by and with the approval of the
23 director, may appoint a person exempt from civil service who
24 shall be designated as an executive officer and who shall exercise
25 the powers and perform the duties delegated by the board and
26 vested in him or her by this chapter.

27 (b) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008
28 ____, and, as of January 1, 2009 ____, is repealed, unless a later
29 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2009 ____,
30 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
31 is repealed.

32 SEC. 3. Section 1742 of the Business and Professions Code is
33 amended to read:

34 1742. (a) There is within the jurisdiction of the board a
35 Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.

36 (b) The Committee on Dental Auxiliaries shall have the
37 following areas of responsibility and duties:

38 (1) The committee shall have the following duties and
39 authority related to education programs and curriculum:

1 (A) Shall evaluate all dental auxiliary programs applying for
2 board approval in accordance with board rules governing the
3 programs.

4 (B) May appoint board members to any evaluation committee.
5 Board members so appointed shall not make a final decision on
6 the issue of program or course approval.

7 (C) Shall report and make recommendations to the board as to
8 whether a program or course qualifies for approval. The board
9 retains the final authority to grant or deny approval to a program
10 or course.

11 (D) Shall review and document any alleged deficiencies that
12 might warrant board action to withdraw or revoke approval of a
13 program or course, at the request of the board.

14 (E) May review and document any alleged deficiencies that
15 might warrant board action to withdraw or revoke approval of a
16 program or course, at its own initiation.

17 (2) The committee shall have the following duties and
18 authority related to applications:

19 (A) Shall review and evaluate all applications for licensure in
20 the various dental auxiliary categories to ascertain whether a
21 candidate meets the appropriate licensing requirements specified
22 by statute and board regulations.

23 (B) Shall maintain application records, cashier application
24 fees, and perform any other ministerial tasks as are incidental to
25 the application process.

26 (C) May delegate any or all of the functions in this paragraph
27 to its staff.

28 (D) Shall issue auxiliary licenses in all cases, except where
29 there is a question as to a licensing requirement. The board
30 retains final authority to interpret any licensing requirement. If a
31 question arises in the area of interpreting any licensing
32 requirement, it shall be presented by the committee to the board
33 for resolution.

34 (3) The committee shall have the following duties and
35 authority regarding examinations:

36 (A) Shall advise the board as to the type of license
37 examination it deems appropriate for the various dental auxiliary
38 license categories.

39 (B) Shall, at the direction of the board, develop or cause to be
40 developed, administer, or both, examinations in accordance with

1 the board's instructions and periodically report to the board on
2 the progress of those examinations. The following shall apply to
3 the examination procedure:

4 (i) The examination shall be submitted to the board for its
5 approval prior to its initial administration.

6 (ii) Once an examination has been approved by the board, no
7 further approval is required unless a major modification is made
8 to the examination.

9 (iii) The committee shall report to the board on the results of
10 each examination and shall, where appropriate, recommend pass
11 points.

12 (iv) The board shall set pass points for all dental auxiliary
13 licensing examinations.

14 (C) May appoint board members to any examination
15 committee established pursuant to subparagraph (B).

16 (4) The committee shall periodically report and make
17 recommendations to the board concerning the level of fees for
18 dental auxiliaries and the need for any legislative fee increase.
19 However, the board retains final authority to set all fees.

20 (5) The committee shall be responsible for all aspects of the
21 license renewal process, which shall be accomplished in
22 accordance with this chapter and board regulations. The
23 committee may delegate any or all of its functions under this
24 paragraph to its staff.

25 (6) The committee shall have no authority with respect to the
26 approval of continuing education providers; the board retains all
27 of this authority.

28 (7) The committee shall advise the board as to appropriate
29 standards of conduct for auxiliaries, the proper ordering of
30 enforcement priorities, and any other enforcement-related matters
31 that the board may, in the future, delegate to the committee. The
32 board shall retain all authority with respect to the enforcement
33 actions, including, but not limited to, complaint resolution,
34 investigation, and disciplinary action against auxiliaries.

35 (8) The committee shall have the following duties regarding
36 regulations:

37 (A) To review and evaluate all suggestions or requests for
38 regulatory changes related to dental auxiliaries.

1 (B) To report and make recommendations to the board, after
2 consultation with departmental legal counsel and the board's
3 executive officer.

4 (C) To include in any report regarding a proposed regulatory
5 change, at a minimum, the specific language of the proposed
6 changes and the reasons for and facts supporting the need for the
7 change. The board has the final rulemaking authority.

8 (c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008
9 ____, and, as of January 1, 2009 ____, is repealed, unless a later
10 enacted statute which becomes effective on or before January 1,
11 2009 ____, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes
12 inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the
13 committee subject to the review required by Division 1.2
14 (commencing with Section 473).